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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :  
(Based on PCT/JP00/04400)

FILED: HEREWITH :

FOR: METHOD, APPARATUS, COMPUTER:  
PROGRAM, COMPUTER SYSTEM,  
AND COMPUTER-READABLE  
STORAGE FOR REPRESENTING  
AND SEARCHING FOR AN OBJECT  
IN AN IMAGE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 7, line 1, replace "any one of claims 1 to 6" with --claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, replace "any one of claims 1 to 6" with --claim 1--.

Claim 13, line 1, replace "any one of claims 10 to 12" with --claim 10--.

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--14. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 10 wherein said values are derived  
using a method [as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 9] of representing an object appearing  
in a still or video image, by processing signals corresponding to the image, the method